

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company
Docket No. D.T.E. 02-24/25
Responses to the Attorney General's Sixth Set of Information Requests**

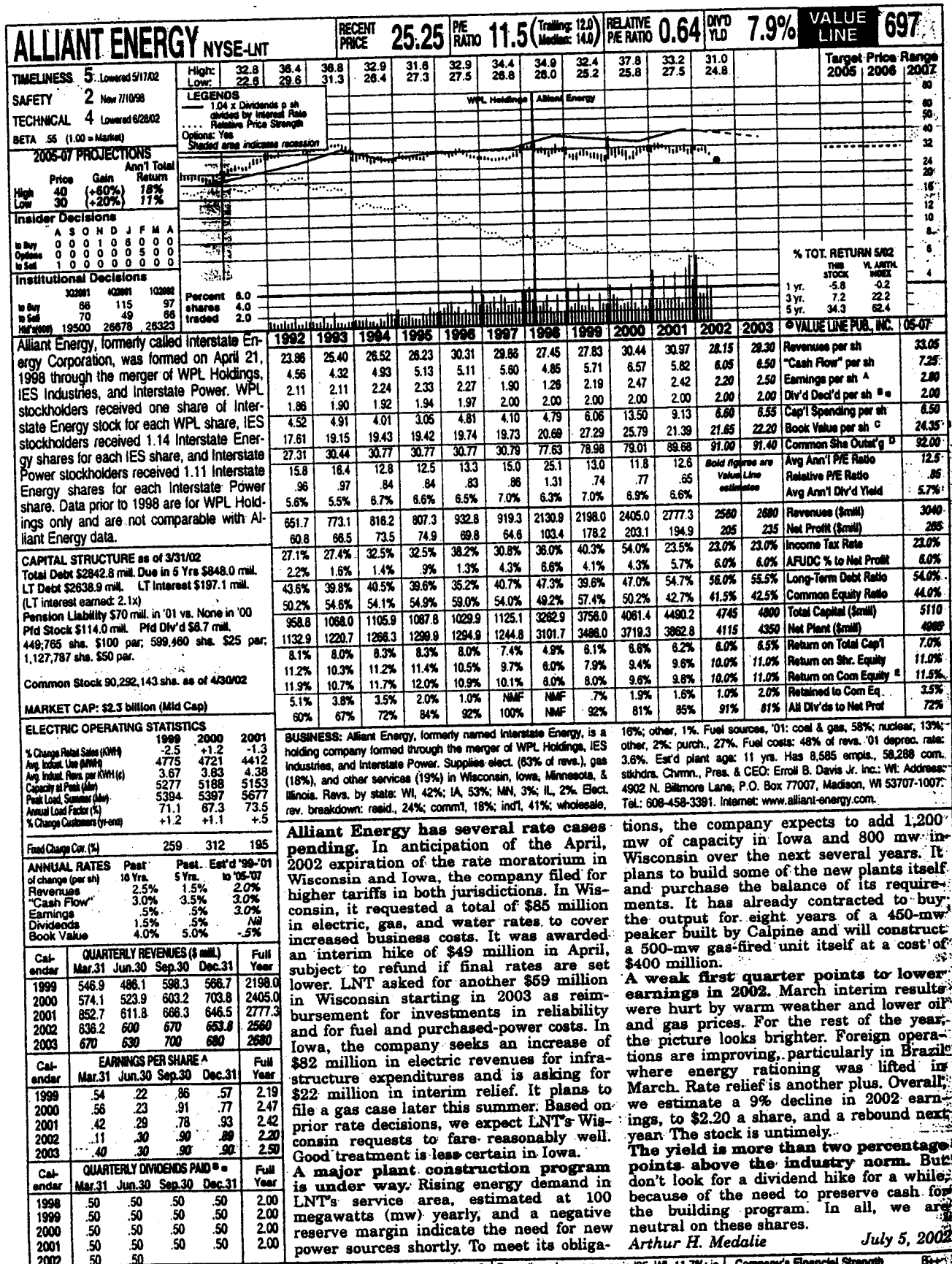
Request No. AG-6-16 (Electric)

Please provide a copy of all updates to the Value Line Investment Surveys for each of the companies in Mr. Hadaway's comparison group.

Response:

Please see attached.

Person Responsible: Samuel C. Hadaway



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Alliant Energy has several rate cases pending. In anticipation of the April, 2002 expiration of the rate moratorium in Wisconsin and Iowa, the company filed for higher tariffs in both jurisdictions. In Wisconsin, it requested a total of \$85 million in electric, gas, and water rates to cover increased business costs. It was awarded an interim hike of \$49 million in April, subject to refund if final rates are set lower. LNT asked for another \$69 million in Wisconsin starting in 2003 as reimbursement for investments in reliability and for fuel and purchased-power costs. In Iowa, the company seeks an increase of \$82 million in electric revenues for infrastructure expenditures and is asking for \$22 million in interim relief. It plans to file a gas case later this summer. Based on prior rate decisions, we expect LNT's Wisconsin requests to fare reasonably well. Good treatment is less certain in Iowa. A major plant construction program is under way: Rising energy demand in LNT's service area, estimated at 100 megawatts (mw) yearly, and a negative reserve margin indicate the need for new power sources shortly. To meet its obligations, the company expects to add 1,200-mw of capacity in Iowa and 800 mw in Wisconsin over the next several years. It plans to build some of the new plants itself and purchase the balance of its requirements. It has already contracted to buy the output for eight years of a 450-mw peaker built by Calpine and will construct a 500-mw gas-fired unit itself at a cost of \$400 million. A weak first quarter points to lower earnings in 2002. March interim results were hurt by warm weather and lower oil and gas prices. For the rest of the year, the picture looks brighter. Foreign operations are improving, particularly in Brazil where energy rationing was lifted in March. Rate relief is another plus. Overall, we estimate a 9% decline in 2002 earnings, to \$2.20 a share, and a rebound next year. The stock is untimely. The yield is more than two percentage points above the industry norm. But don't look for a dividend hike for a while, because of the need to preserve cash for the building program. In all, we are neutral on these shares.

Arthur H. Medalie

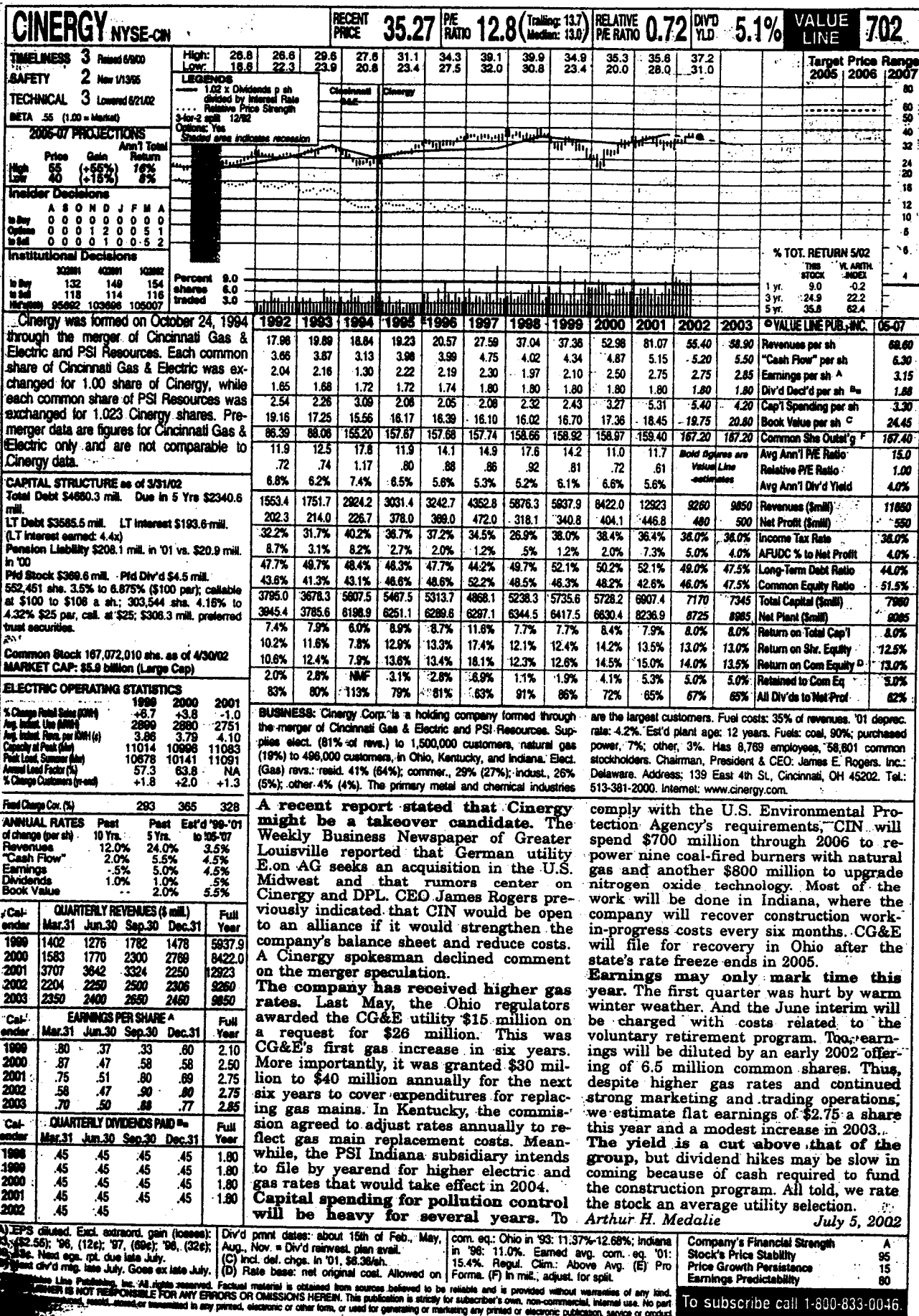
July 5, 2002

AMEREN NYSE-AEE		RECENT PRICE	41.86	P/E RATIO	13.3	(Trailing: 12.3) (Median: 13.0)	RELATIVE P/E RATIO	0.74	DIV YLD	6.1%	VALUE LINE	698
TIMELINESS 4 Lowered 5/24/02	High: 38.6	38.8	44.6	39.5	42.0	44.1	43.8	44.3	42.9	46.9	46.0	45.3
SAFETY 1 Raised 7/17/02	Low: 28.5	31.8	35.8	30.8	34.6	36.0	34.5	35.6	32.0	27.6	36.5	39.5
TECHNICAL 3 Raised 2/8/02	LEGENDS 1.00 x Dividends p sh divided by Interest Rate Relative Price Strength Options: Yes Shaded area indicates recession											
BETA .55 (1.00 = Market)	2005-07 PROJECTIONS											
	Price	Gain	Ann'l Total									
	High	60	(+45%)	14%								
	Low	50	(+20%)	10%								
Insider Decisions	Institutional Decisions											
A S O N D J F M A	30291	42891	10398									
to Buy	97	109	121	Percent 15.0								
Options	115	110	97	shares 10.0								
to Sell	0	1	1	traded 6.0								
	58662	63805	61085									
Ameren was formed on December 31, 1997 through the merger of Union Electric and CIPSCO. Each common share of Union Electric was exchanged for 1.00 share of Ameren, while each common share of CIPSCO was exchanged for 1.03 Ameren shares. Premerger data are for Union Electric only and are not comparable to Ameren data.												
CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 3/31/02 Total Debt \$3523.0 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$790.3 mill. LT Debt \$3281.0 mill. LT Interest \$185.6 mill. (Incl. debt discount of \$8.0 mill.) (LT interest earned: 5.1x) Pension Liability \$193.0 mill. in '01, vs. \$3.0 mill. in '00 Pfd Stock \$235.2 mill. Pfd Div'd \$12.4 mill. 1,137,595 shs. \$3.50 to \$7.64 cum. (no par), stated at liquid value; 1,667,500 shs. \$1.736, \$25 per 800,000 shs. 4.00% to 6.625% Common Stock 144,347,116 shs. as of 6/1/02 MARKET CAP: \$8.0 billion (Large Cap)												
ELECTRIC OPERATING STATISTICS												
	1999	2000	2001									
% Change Retail Sales (RWH)	+1.0	+8.4	+4.0									
Avg. Indust. Use (RWH)	1866	2000	2223									
Avg. Indust. Rev. per RWH (¢)	4.37	4.24	4.11									
Capacity of Peak (MW)	11697	12919	13296									
Peak Load (Summer) (MW)	11048	11640	11505									
Avg. Load Factor (%)	51.9%	52.5	64.2									
% Change Customers (yr-end)	+1.1	+8	+4									
Fixed Charge Cov. (%)	442	459	429									
ANNUAL RATES												
	1999	2000	2001									
of change (per sh)	10 Yrs.	5 Yrs.	to '05-'07									
Revenues	3.5%	6.5%	5.0%									
"Cash Flow"	1.5%	3.0%	3.5%									
Earnings	1.0%	1.0%	3.0%									
Dividends	2.0%	.5%	.5%									
Book Value	1.5%	.5%	4.0%									
QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mil.)												
	Cal-ender	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year						
1999		735.9	859.4	1194	734.3	3523.6						
2000		825.4	940.3	1195	894.7	3855.8						
2001		1024	1057	1432	982.9	4505.9						
2002		1115	1150	1500	1035	4800						
2003		1160	1200	1550	1080	5000						
EARNINGS PER SHARE												
	Cal-ender	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year						
1999		.40	.63	1.82	.04	2.81						
2000		.45	.83	1.87	.18	3.33						
2001		.43	.69	1.94	.35	3.41						
2002		.42	.65	1.88	.20	3.15						
2003		.43	.70	1.95	.22	3.30						
QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID												
	Cal-ender	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year						
1999		.635	.635	.635	.635	2.54						
2000		.635	.635	.635	.635	2.54						
2001		.635	.635	.635	.635	2.54						
2002		.635	.635	.635	.635	2.54						
2003		.635	.635	.635	.635	2.54						
BUSINESS: Ameren Corp. is a holding company formed through the merger of Union Electric and CIPSCO. Supplies elect. and gas to 1,800,000 customers in Missouri (70% elect. revs.) and Illinois (30%). Elect. revs.: resid., 36%; comm., 35%; Indust., 18%; other, 9%. Largest indust. customers: primary metals, chemicals, transportation equipment, petroleum refining. 2001 fuels: fossil, 74%; nuclear, 14%; hydro, 2%; interchange, 10%. Fuel costs, 40% of revs.; labor costs, 12%. 2001 deprec. rate: 3.0%. Est'd plant age: 16 years. Has 7,447 employees, 103,900 stockholders. Chmn. & CEO: Charles W. Mueller. Pres.: Gary L. Rainwater. Inc.: Missouri. Address: 1901 Chouteau Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63166. Telephone: 314-621-3222. Internet: www.ameren.com.												
Ameren has an agreement to buy CILCORP , an Illinois-based subsidiary of AES. The deal calls for a cash payment of \$560 million and the assumption of \$820 million of CILCORP debt. The cash portion will be financed largely with the sale of equity. The price is near book value. The purchase, which includes 1,200 megawatts of mostly coal-fired generation, will make Ameren Illinois' second-largest electric utility. Through coal-buying economies, the alliance will probably save \$15 million in the first year after closing. By year three, these savings ought to reach \$35 million. That, plus other cost reductions, should boost annual earnings by \$0.05 a share for some time to come. The acquisition requires regulatory sanction. It will likely close in 12 months.												
The company awaits an order on its electric rate filing in Missouri. The six-year alternative rate plan that expired on June 30, 2001, allowed AEE a 14% return on equity and provided for sharing with ratepayers over that figure. But the commission staff contended that the company was overearning and recommended rate reductions of \$246 million to \$285 million and lowering of the allowed return to a range of 8.91% to 9.11%, based on an early test year. In rebuttal, management proposed reducing annual rates by \$15 million for three years in return for the commission renewing the expired plan. It is also negotiating with interested parties to reach a consensus. We expect a regulatory order in early fall.												
Earnings are headed lower in 2002. Profits from new plants that began operating since mid-2001 and a likely 1%-2% increase in retail energy sales are pluses. But lower prices will hurt wholesale sales, and an increase in common shares to pay for the CILCORP acquisition will be earnings dilutive. All told, we estimate an 8% decline in 2002 earnings, to \$3.15 a share. Next year's results will depend largely on the outcome of the pending rate case. We rate the stock an average utility holding. The high yield might interest income-oriented investors, and Ameren's finances are strong. But the need to preserve cash to finance new plant construction suggests no dividend boost for this untimely stock for a while.												
Arthur H. Medallie July 5, 2002												
Company's Financial Strength A+ Stock's Price Stability 100 Price Growth Persistence 10 Earnings Predictability 90												

(A) EPS basic. Excl. nonrecurr. gain: '92, 18¢. Next qtr. report due late July. (B) Next div'd estimated late Aug. Next ex date early Sept. (C) Incl. deferred chgs. in '01, \$5.59/sh. (D) Rate base: orig. cost depreciated. Rate allowed in MO on common equity in '98: 14.0%. earned on average com. eq. in '01: 14.3%. Regul. Clim.: Average. (E) In millions.

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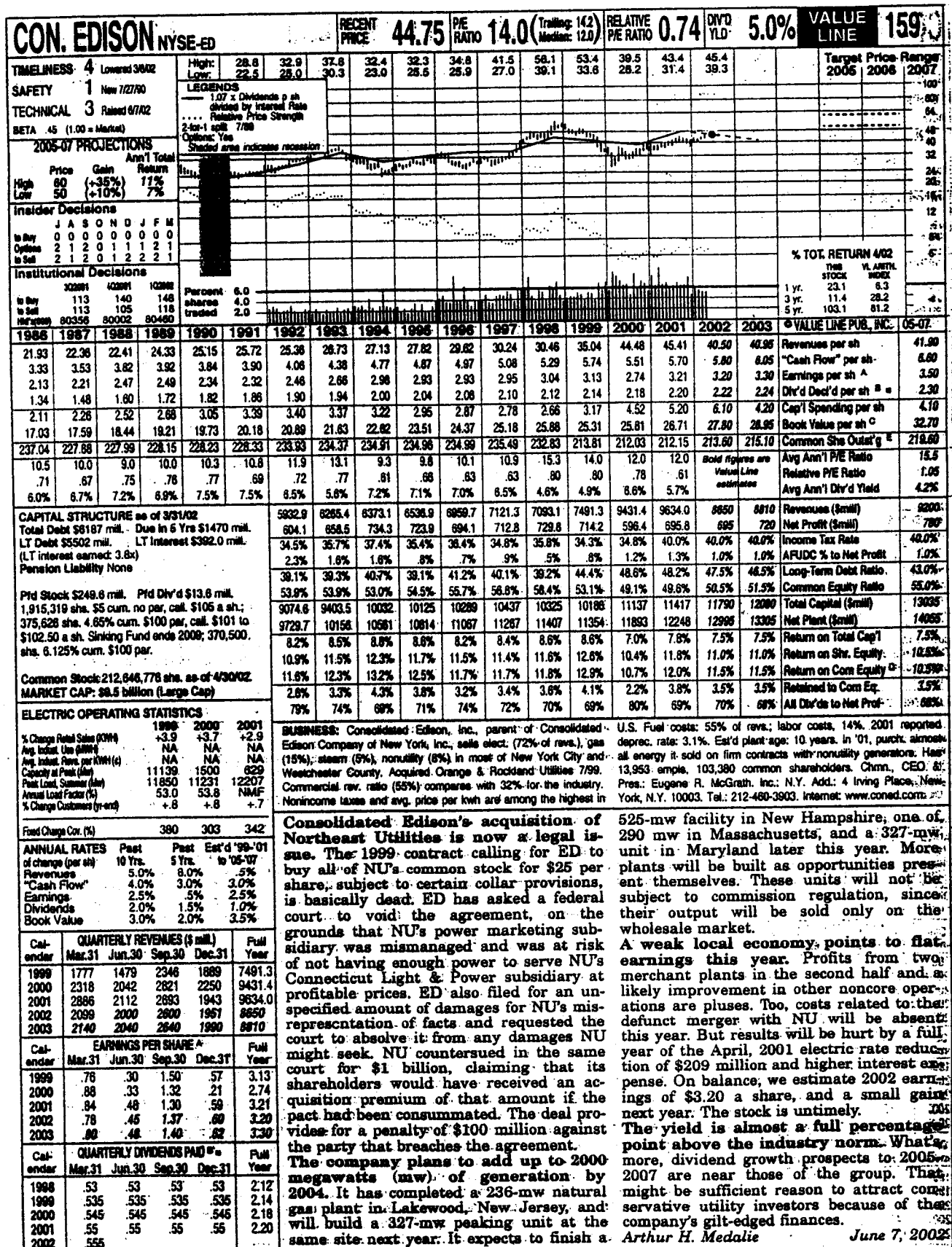


(A) Primary EPS through '98, diluted thereafter. Excl. nonrecurring gains: '98: 7¢; '00: 5¢; losses from discontinued operations: '00: 14¢; '01: 4¢. Net earnings report due late July... (B) Next div'd meeting in late July. Goes ex in early Aug. Div'd payment dates: 15th of Feb., May, Aug., Nov. = Div'd reinvest. plan avail. (C) Incl. deferred charges. In '01: \$101.1 mil., \$22.55/sh. (D) In mil., Adj. rd speak. (E) Incl. base: Net op. cost. Rate allowed on com. sq. in '98: 12.825% earned on avg. com. sq. '01: 14.6%. Regulatory Climate: Below Average.

Stock's Price Stability 100
Price Growth Persistence 30
Earnings Predictability 90

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(A) EPS diluted. Next report due late July.

(B) Next dividend meeting mid-July. Goes ex mid-Aug. Dividend payment date: Mar. 15, June 15, Sept. 15, Dec. 15. = Div'd reinvest.

plan avail. (C) Includes intangibles. In '01: \$7.73/sh. (D) Rate base: net original cost. Rate all'd elec. common equity: '97, 12.9%; '01: 12.2%. Regu-

latory. Climate: Average. (E) In millions, adjusted for stock split.

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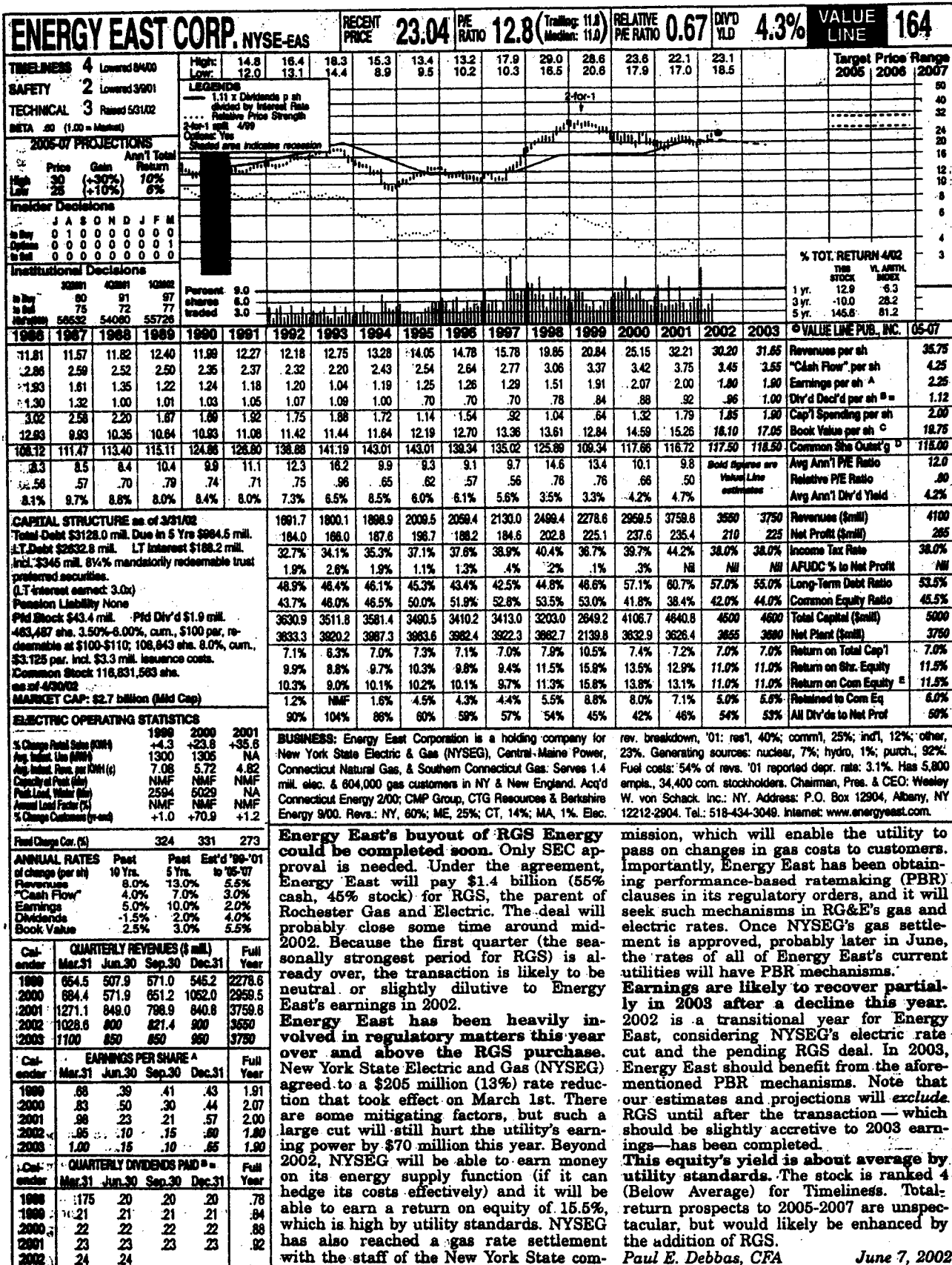
CONSTELL'N EGY GP. NYSE-CEG										RECENT PRICE	30.64	P/E RATIO	11.8	(Trailing: 15.7) (Median: 14.0)	RELATIVE P/E RATIO	0.62	DIV YLD	3.2%	VALUE LINE	160																			
TIMELINESS 3 Raised 9/1/02 SAFETY 2 Lowered 3/29/02 TECHNICAL 1 Raised 5/31/02 BETA .80 (1.00 = Market) 2005-07 PROJECTIONS Price 50 Gain (+65%) 15% High Low 40 Loss (-30%) 10% Insider Decisions J A S O N D J F M Buy 2 0 0 0 2 0 0 2 0 Options 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 Sell 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 Institutional Decisions J A S O N D J F M Buy 137 120 138 Sell 197 152 120 Net 9086 97854 100980 Percent shares traded 15.0 Percent shares owned 5.0										LEGENDS 1.14 x Dividends p sh divided by Interest Rate Relative Price Strength 3-for-2 split 5/92 Options: Yes Shaded area indicates recession										Target Price Range 2006 2008 2007 100 80 60 40 20 0 -20 -40 -60 -80 -100																			
1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003										15.55 15.28 15.67 16.63 17.81 19.41 17.93 18.27 18.86 19.89 21.35 22.40 22.50 25.32 25.77 24.00 26.05 28.30 3.75 3.84 3.98 3.45 2.91 3.08 3.10 3.45 3.93 4.59 4.45 4.86 4.93 5.57 5.78 5.02 5.65 6.20 2.10 2.31 2.31 2.03 1.40 1.52 1.63 1.85 1.93 2.02 1.85 1.97 2.06 2.18 2.30 2.20 2.80 2.90 1.19 1.25 1.32 1.39 1.40 1.43 1.47 1.51 1.55 1.59 1.63 1.57 1.68 1.68 1.48 .98 1.02 2.92 2.74 3.06 4.05 4.42 3.80 2.71 3.27 3.27 2.48 2.44 2.53 2.27 2.92 2.71 4.05 5.00 3.30 13.82 14.83 15.85 16.80 17.10 17.00 17.63 17.94 18.42 18.07 19.35 19.44 19.98 20.01 20.95 23.48 25.10 27.85 117.98 118.37 118.95 120.52 121.21 126.69 143.78 148.03 147.53 147.53 147.67 147.67 149.25 149.66 150.53 163.71 165.00 168.00 30.0 9.1 9.1 10.4 13.7 13.2 13.6 13.8 11.8 12.4 14.7 14.0 15.3 13.2 15.8 18.4 18.4 1.68 .61 .76 .79 1.02 .84 .82 .82 .77 .83 .92 .81 .80 .75 1.03 .84 5.7% 6.0% 6.3% 6.6% 7.3% 7.0% 6.5% 5.8% 6.6% 6.2% 5.9% 5.9% 5.3% 5.8% 4.6% 1.3%										% TOT. RETURN 4/02 THIS STOCK VS. ANTH. INDEX 1 yr. -31.8 6.3 3 yr. -28.2 5 yr. 81.2										VALUE LINE PUB. INC. 05-07 Revenues per sh 37.00 "Cash Flow" per sh 7.65 Earnings per sh 3.80 Div'd Decl'd per sh 1.36 Cap'l Spending per sh 3.70 Book Value per sh 34.00 Common Shs Outst'g 168.00 Avg Annt P/E Ratio 11.5 Relative P/E Ratio .75 Avg Annt Div'd Yield 3.1%									
CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 3/31/02 Total Debt \$5304 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$2900 mill. LT Debt \$4398 mill. LT Interest \$306.0 mill. (LT Interest earned: 2.7x) Pension Liability None Pfd Stock \$190.0 mill. Pfd Div'd \$13.2 mill. Incl 400,000 shs. 7.125% preference, callable 7/1/03; 500,000 shs. 8.97% pref., call. 10/1/03; 400,000 shs. 6.70% pref., call. 1/1/04; 600,000 shs. 8.99% pref., call. 10/1/05; all \$100 par, not subj. to mand. redemption. Common Stock 164,031,496 shs. as of 4/30/02. MARKET CAP: \$6.0 billion (Large Cap)										2491.3 2688.7 2783.0 2934.8 3153.2 3307.8 3358.1 3786.2 3878.5 3828.3 4300 4700 284.3 308.9 323.6 338.0 310.8 320.3 327.7 339.9 358.5 368.3 440 485 28.1% 30.8% 32.2% 33.4% 34.9% 35.8% 35.2% 35.4% 39.1% 34.6% 35.0% 36.0% 8.3% 7.3% 10.4% 6.5% 8.3% 5.2% 4.1% 2.9% 15.7% 13.5% 12.0% 12.0% 43.4% 47.1% 44.6% 43.9% 46.3% 48.5% 49.7% 44.7% 48.6% 40.2% 51.0% 50.5% 46.3% 43.7% 46.9% 47.5% 47.9% 46.6% 47.3% 52.0% 48.5% 57.0% 46.5% 47.5% 5478.3 5985.3 5791.5 5822.1 5880.4 6159.3 6299.6 5758.4 6502.3 6746.1 8885 9500 4966.3 5198.9 5418.8 5497.6 5582.4 5651.5 5656.7 5523.1 6644.0 7700.4 8235 8580 6.6% 6.9% 7.2% 7.3% 6.7% 6.8% 6.9% 7.5% 7.1% 6.5% 6.5% 7.0% 8.5% 9.8% 10.1% 10.2% 9.7% 10.1% 10.3% 10.7% 10.7% 9.1% 10.0% 10.5% 8.8% 10.2% 10.4% 10.6% 9.6% 10.1% 10.3% 10.9% 11.0% 9.2% 10.5% 10.5% 1.3% 2.1% 2.3% 2.5% 1.4% 1.6% 2.0% 2.5% 3.0% 6.0% 6.5% 7.0% 88% 82% 80% 79% 87% 84% 81% 78% 74% 37% 39% 37%										Revenues (\$mill) 6260 Net Profit (\$mill) 885 Income Tax Rate 37.5% AFUDC % to Net Profit 9.0% Long-Term Debt Ratio 48.5% Common Equity Ratio 50.0% Total Capital (\$mill) 11500 Net Plant (\$mill) 8755 Return on Total Cap'l 7.5% Return on Str. Equity 11.0% Return on Com Equity 11.0% Retained to Com Eq 7.0% All Div'ds to Net Prof 37%																			
ELECTRIC OPERATING STATISTICS - 1999 2000 2001 % Change Retail Sales (kWh) +1.7 +3.2 +4.4 Avg. Retail Rate (¢/kWh) 8.28 8.95 8.89 Avg. Retail Rate per kWh (¢) 4.70 4.55 4.91 Capacity of Peak Plant (MW) 6522 6550 9166 Peak Load, Summer (MW) 6383 N/A 8490 Annual Load Factor (%) 55.7 60.5 N/A % Change Customers (yr-end) +1.2 +1.2 +1.6										BUSINESS: Constellation Energy Group, a holding company, sells electricity (52% of revenues) and gas (17%) services, through Baltimore Gas and Electric, in central Maryland to a population of 2.5 million. The remaining 31% of revenues are derived from the non-regulated business. Constellation Enterprises. 2001 electric revenue sources: resid'l, 43.4%; com'l, 44.9%; ind'l, 10.7%; other, 1.6%. '01 gas rev. sources: resid'l, 58.0%; com'l, 20.1%; ind'l, 3.9%; other, 18.0%. Prime fuels: coal, 52.5%; nuclear, 40.9%; other, 6.6%. Has about 9,200 employees, 53,435 stockholders. '01 deprec. rate: 3.5%. Chairman: C. Ponder; Pres. & CEO: M. Shattuck III. Inc.: MD. Addr.: P.O. Box 1475, Baltimore, MD 21203. Tel.: 410-783-5920. Internet: www.constellationenergy.com.																													
FINANCIAL COV. (%) 283 295 288 ANNUAL RATES of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. 5 Yrs. to '05-'07 Revenues 3.5% 4.5% 6.5% "Cash Flow" 5.5% 5.0% 6.0% Earnings 3.0% 3.0% 9.5% Dividends -1.0% -4.0% 1.0% Book Value 2.5% 2.5% 8.0%										Like most other utilities in the East, Constellation Energy reported lower year-over-year, first-quarter share net. Several factors pressured earnings in the recent period. They included above-normal winter temperatures, which restrained regulated electricity and gas service demand, reduced power prices in the competitive California wholesale market, higher costs due to a planned outage at the Calvert Cliffs nuclear plant, greater fuel (coal) costs, the seasonal effect of a purchased power agreement at the recently added Nine Mile Point facility, and an increased share count. Excluding one-time items, CEG's share net fell to \$0.40, below the March 2001 figure of \$0.69. Given the initiation of an aggressive cost-cutting program, it's likely that management can regain some lost ground at the bottom line by yearend. We are conservatively estimating 2002 share earnings of \$2.60, up from \$2.20 in 2001. Next year, net profits should rise to the \$2.90-a-share level. Management is making good progress in refocusing the company's long-term strategy with an eye to achieving strong earnings growth. A voluntary early retire-																													
QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mill.) Cal-ender Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31 Full Year 1999 332.3 820.0 970.4 1083.5 3786.2 2000 382.2 868.4 981.6 1036.3 3878.5 2001 1165.1 826.0 1036.1 901.1 3928.3 2002 1045.9 800 1255 1199.1 4300 2003 1250 875 1350 1225 4700										EARNINGS PER SHARE ^ Cal-ender Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31 Full Year 1999 .55 .45 .91 .27 2.18 2000 .48 .26 .98 .58 2.30 2001 .60 .48 1.00 .09 2.20 2002 .40 .53 1.20 .47 2.60 2003 .82 .55 1.20 .53 2.90																													
QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID ^ Cal-ender Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31 Full Year 1999 .41 .41 .42 .42 1.66 2000 .42 .42 .42 .42 1.68 2001 .42 .42 .42 .42 1.68 2002 .42 .42 .42 .42 1.68 2003 .42 .42 .42 .42 1.68										ment program, supporting a move to cut the workforce by 10%, was well accepted. Separately, CEG sold its stake in Orion Power holdings for a net \$163.3 million. Additional sales of noncore assets (i.e., real estate investments) are in the offing. Total divestitures may well reach \$750 million. Too, management took advantage of an attractive rate environment to further strengthen the balance sheet, issuing \$1.8 billion in new senior debt, much of which went to pay down high-rate short-term borrowings. The debt-to-total capital ratio declined in the March quarter from 55% to a more manageable 51%. Meanwhile, a paced generation base expansion continues on track. About 2,900 megawatts will be added over the next 15 months, lifting total marketable capacity to about 12,100 megawatts. Constellation Energy will likely advance its share net 10% a year going forward. In our view, income-oriented investors should consider this good-quality stock, which offers 3- to 5-year total returns better than the electric utility industry average. David M. Reimer June 7, 2002																													

(A) Basic eps. Excl. extra. items: '99, 444; '01, 661.88. Incl. real estate, fin'l invest., and venture chgs: '98, 76; '99, 276. '01 ops does not add due to change in share count. Ntd eps. rpt due late July. (B) Ntd div'd mtg mid-July; ex date early Sep. Div'd pmt. dates early Jan., Apr., July, Oct. = Div'd reinvest. plan. (C) Incl. def'd chgs. '01: \$3.82/sh. (D) Rate base determin.: fair val. Rate a/d'd on com. eq.: 11.75%-elec. ('93); 11.05%-gas ('99). Earned on '01 avg. com. eq.: 10.3%. Reg. Clim.: Avg. (E) In mill., adj'd for split. Excl. ESOP shares.

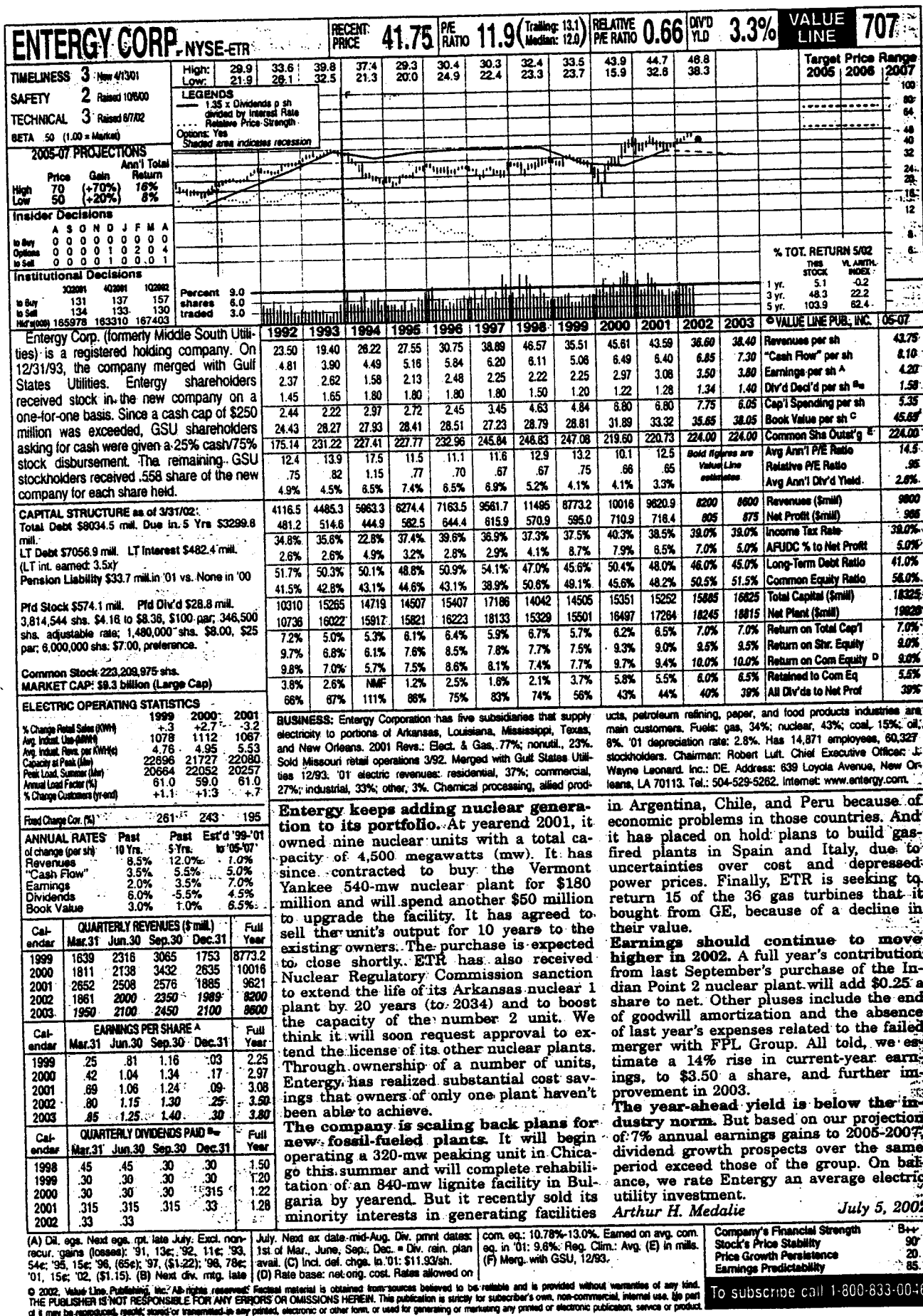
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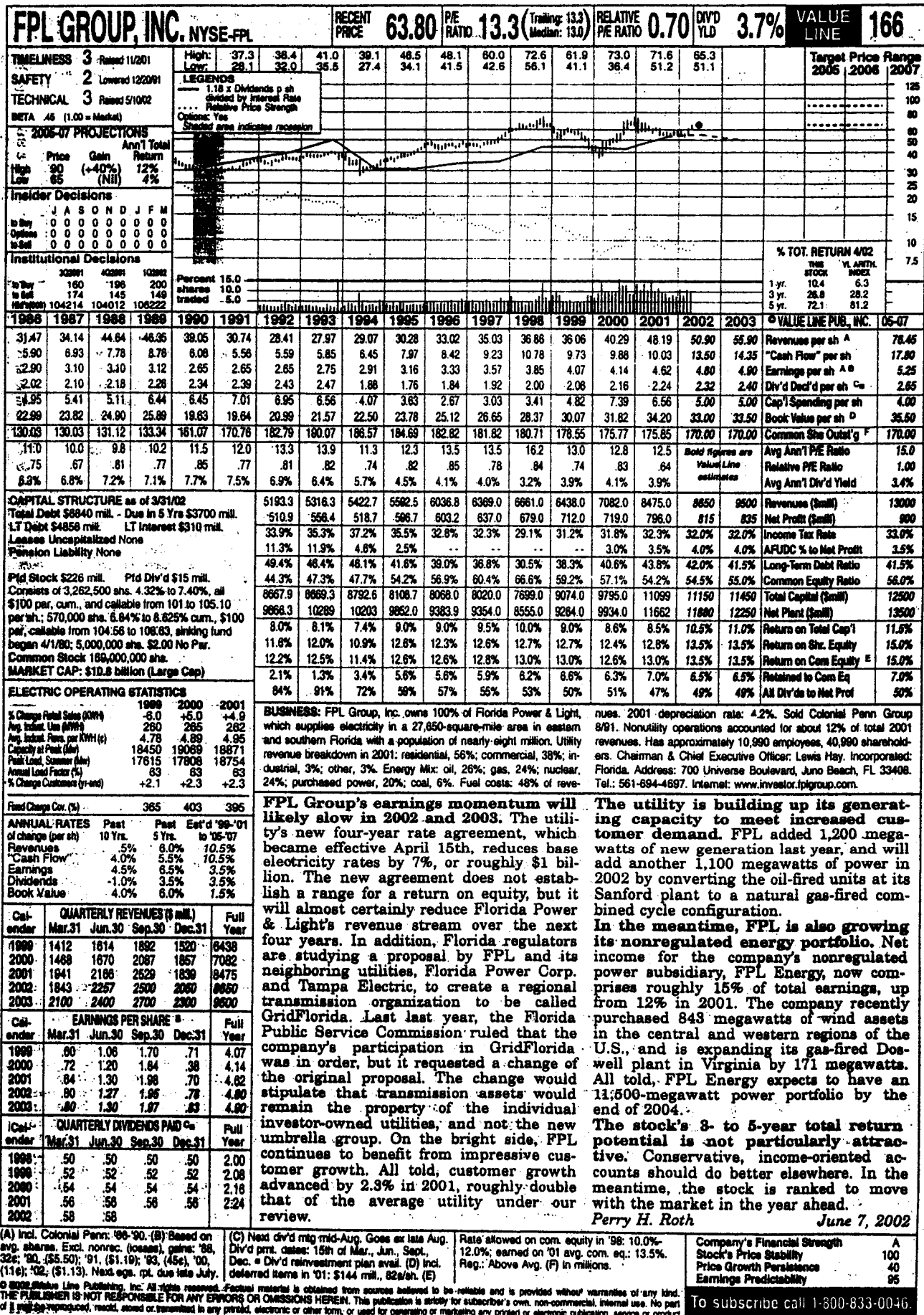
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(A) Beginning in Mar. '02, reflects discontinuation of competitive transition charge.
(B) Diluted eps. Excl. nonrecurr. gains (losses): '86, 2002: '97, '22(2); '97, '17; '98, '31.08(1); '00, '1.08(1); '01, net '33.06(1). Next eps rpt. due late July. (C) Next div'd mtg. in late Aug. Goes ex in early Sep. Div'd pmt. dates: 1st of Jan., Apr., July, Oct. = Div'd reinvest. plan avail. (D) Incl. regulatory assets. In '01, \$4.78/sh. (E) In mill; add'd for stock split. (F) Rate base delam.: '81, \$4.94. Rate allowed on com. eq. in '88: 12.9%. Return on avg. com. eq.: '01, 2.7%.



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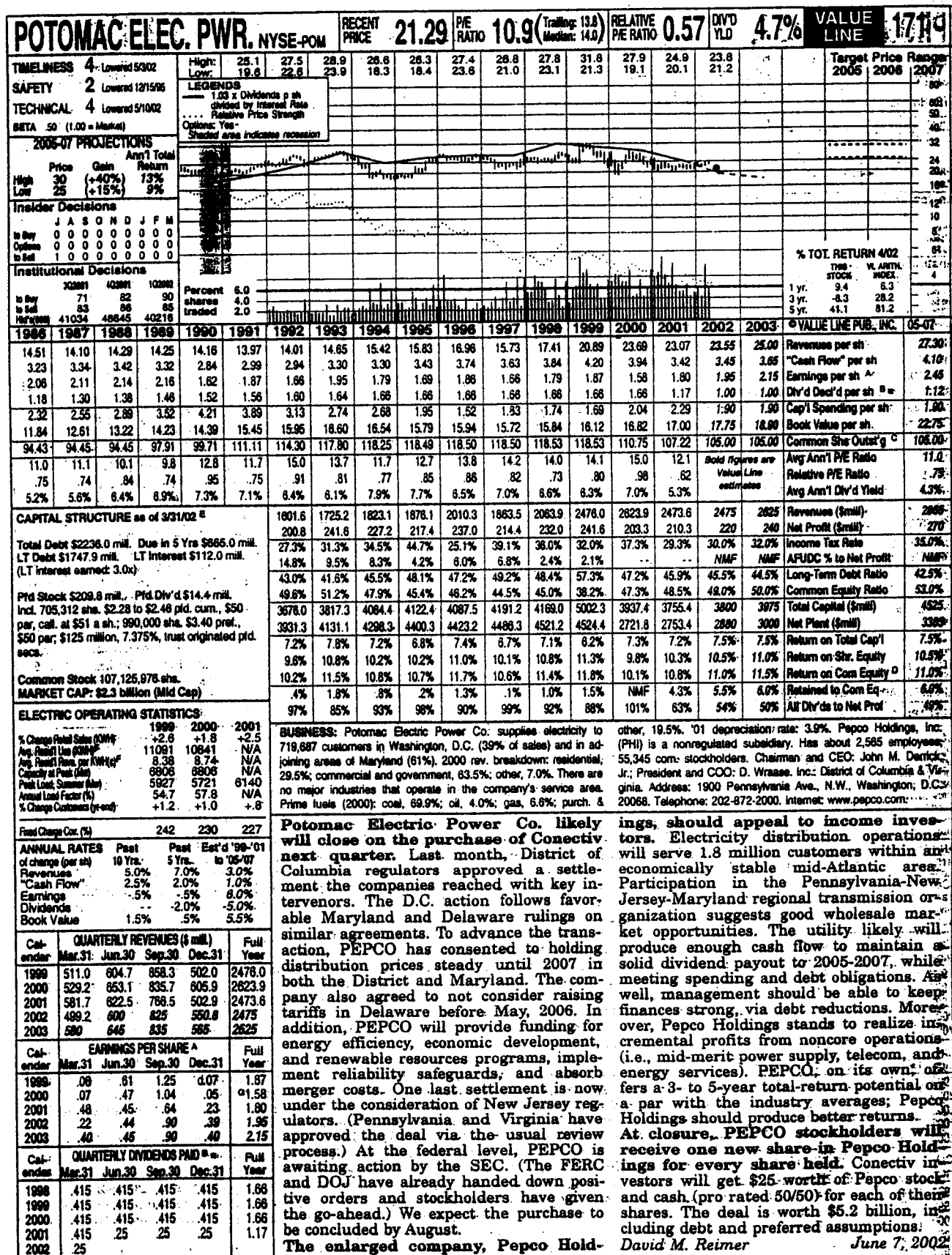




NSTAR-NYSE-NST										RECENT PRICE	47.62	P/E RATIO	14.2	(Trailing: 15.1 Median: 12.0)	RELATIVE P/E RATIO	0.75	DIV YLD	4.5%	VALUE LINE	169.4	
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BUSINESS: NSTAR is a holding company for Boston Edison Company, which supplies electricity to an area of approx. 500 sq. mi. in eastern Massachusetts, encompassing Boston and 39 surrounding towns and cities, and Commonwealth Energy (acq'd 8/99), which provides electric and gas service in eastern MA. Serves 1,086,000 electric, 246,000 gas customers. Electric rev. breakdown, '01: residential: 33%; commercial, 51%; industrial, 8%; other, 8%. Sold 100% of plants in '98, nuclear plant in '99. Fuel costs: 60% of revenues. Reported depr. rate: 3.0%. Has 3,300 employees, 29,900 common stockholders. Chairman & CEO: Thomas J. May. President & COO: Russell D. Wright, Inc., MA. Address: 800 Boylston St., Boston, MA 02199-8003. Tel.: 617-424-2000. Internet: www.nstaronline.com.																					
NSTAR plans to spend \$65 million this year in order to improve the reliability of its electric system. Last summer, the utility experienced an unusually high level of outages when temperatures soared. (Its peak load rose more than 11% in 2001.) The Massachusetts commission wound up fining NSTAR \$3.9 million, but it could have been worse; the state attorney general had proposed a \$22.5 million penalty. Of the \$65 million NSTAR plans to spend, \$54 million will be capitalized and \$11 million will be included in expenses over the first three quarters of 2002. NSTAR is treating this as a non-recurring item, but we aren't. As such, our \$3.35-a-share earnings estimate is below the company's target of \$3.45-\$3.55. Even with the cost of the reliability program, earnings should rise in 2002, because unusually mild weather in the fourth quarter of 2001 made the comparison easier. The stock is ranked: 5 (Lowest) for Timeliness. We estimate a high-single-digit earnings increase in 2003. The bottom line will benefit from the absence of the above-normal system-reliability costs. In addition, mild winter weather persisted into																					
the first quarter of 2002, and our estimates are based on normal weather patterns. Finally, an improving economy ought to have a positive effect on sales of electricity and gas. This equity has performed very well so far this year. Investors are focusing more attention on dividend-paying stocks, such as NSTAR, especially since the company's board of directors has established a policy in recent years of increasing the dividend annually and consistently. The stock's top-notch Safety rank is another appealing feature. Its yield is about average by utility standards, but total return potential to 2005-2007 is unexciting. NSTAR remains a takeover candidate. There has been a lot of consolidation of utilities in the Northeast in recent years—including the deal that created NSTAR in 1999—so we believe the company could attract the attention of a prospective buyer. Such a deal, if it happens at all, isn't necessarily just around the corner, however. And we caution investors against buying a stock solely because it may be acquired.																					
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(A) Basic EPS. Excl. nonrecurr. gains (losses): '99, (\$2.78); '00, 41¢; '01, (\$3.32) net. '99 & '00 EPS don't add due to change in shares; '01 due to rounding. Net earnings report due late.
 (B) Next div'd meeting in mid-June. Goes ex in early July. Approx. div'd payment dates: 1st bus. day of Feb., May, Aug., Nov. = Div'd reinvestment plan avail. (C) Incl. deferred debits. in '01: \$1.8 bill., \$34.74/sh. (D) In mil.
 (E) Rate base: Net orig. cost. Rate allowed on com. eq. in '98: 11.75%; earned on avg. com. eq., '01: 12.1%. Regulatory Climate: Average.
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(A) Based on diluted shares. Excludes nonrecurring gains (losses): '97, (28); '98, (6); '99, 11; '00, \$1.38; '01, (30). Next earnings report due late July. (B) Next dividend

meeting in late July. Goes ex in early Sep. Div'd payment dates: 30th of Mar., June, Sep., Dec. = Div'd reinvest. plan avail. (C) in mill. (D) Rate allowed on common equity in MD: NA;

DC: 11.1% ('95); earned on '01 average com. eq., 10.6%. Reg. climate: Avg. (E) Excludes Phil. (F) No industrial sales. (G) Does not add due to change in dilutive secs outstanding.

Company's Financial Strength: 84+
Stock's Price Stability: 100+
Price Growth Persistence: 100+
Earnings Predictability: 80+
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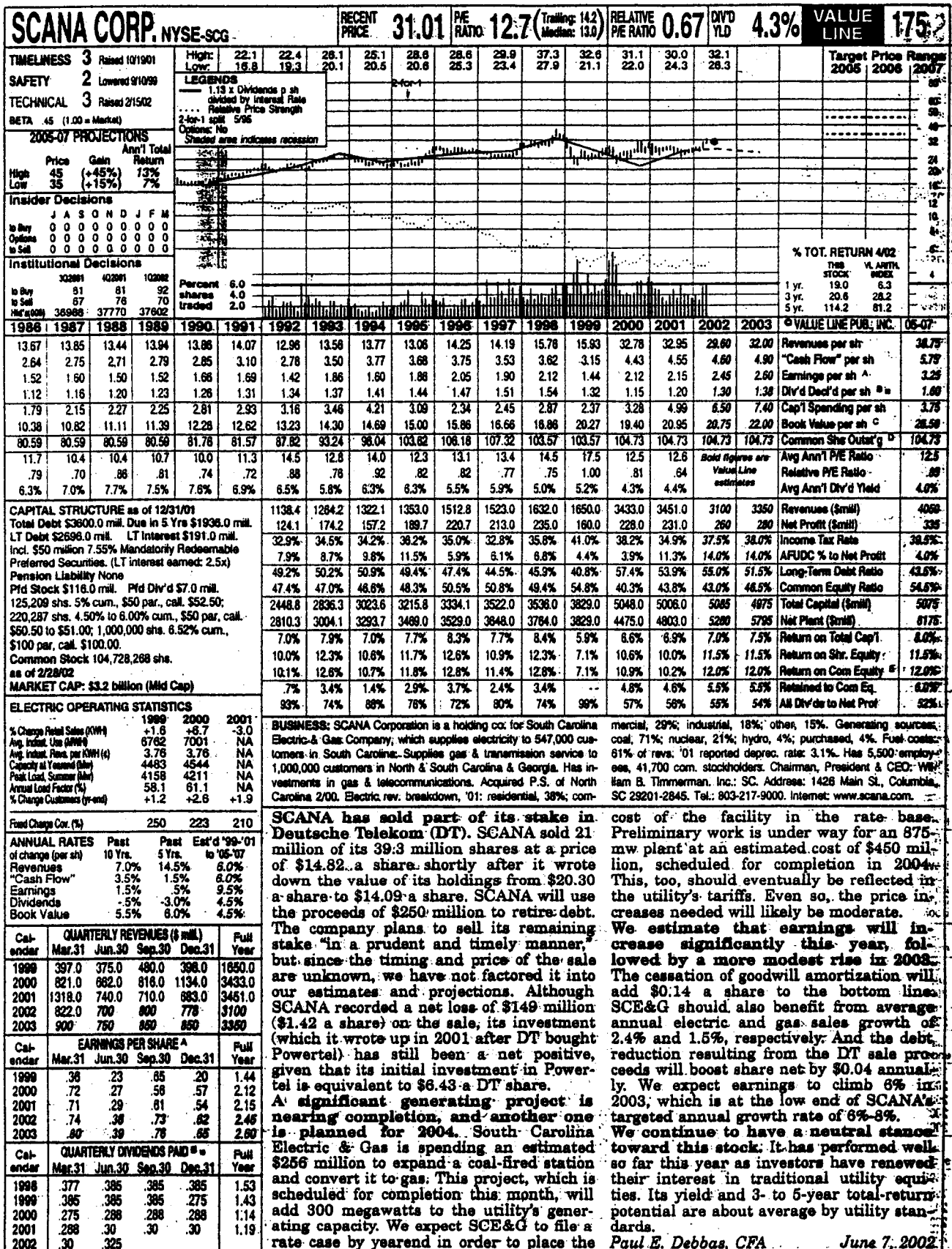
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<p>(A) EPS basic. Excl. nonrecur. gains (losses): '88, \$1.38; '92, 20c; '93, (21c); '95, 9c; '98, 6c; '99, net. (\$3.49). Net earnings report due late July. (B) Next div'd meeting mid-July. Goes ex early Sept. Div'd payment dates about: March 31, June 29, Sept. 30, Dec. 30. = Div'd reinvest. plan available. (C) Incl. intangibles. In '01: \$28.10/sh. (D) Rate base: net original cost.</p>	<p>Rate allowed on com. eq. in '93: 12.0%; earned on '01 avg. com. eq.: 18.9%. Regul. Clm.: Average. (E) In mill. eq. for stock split.</p>	<p>Company's Financial Strength-8- Stock's Price Stability-100- Price Growth Persistence-25- Earnings Predictability-85-</p>
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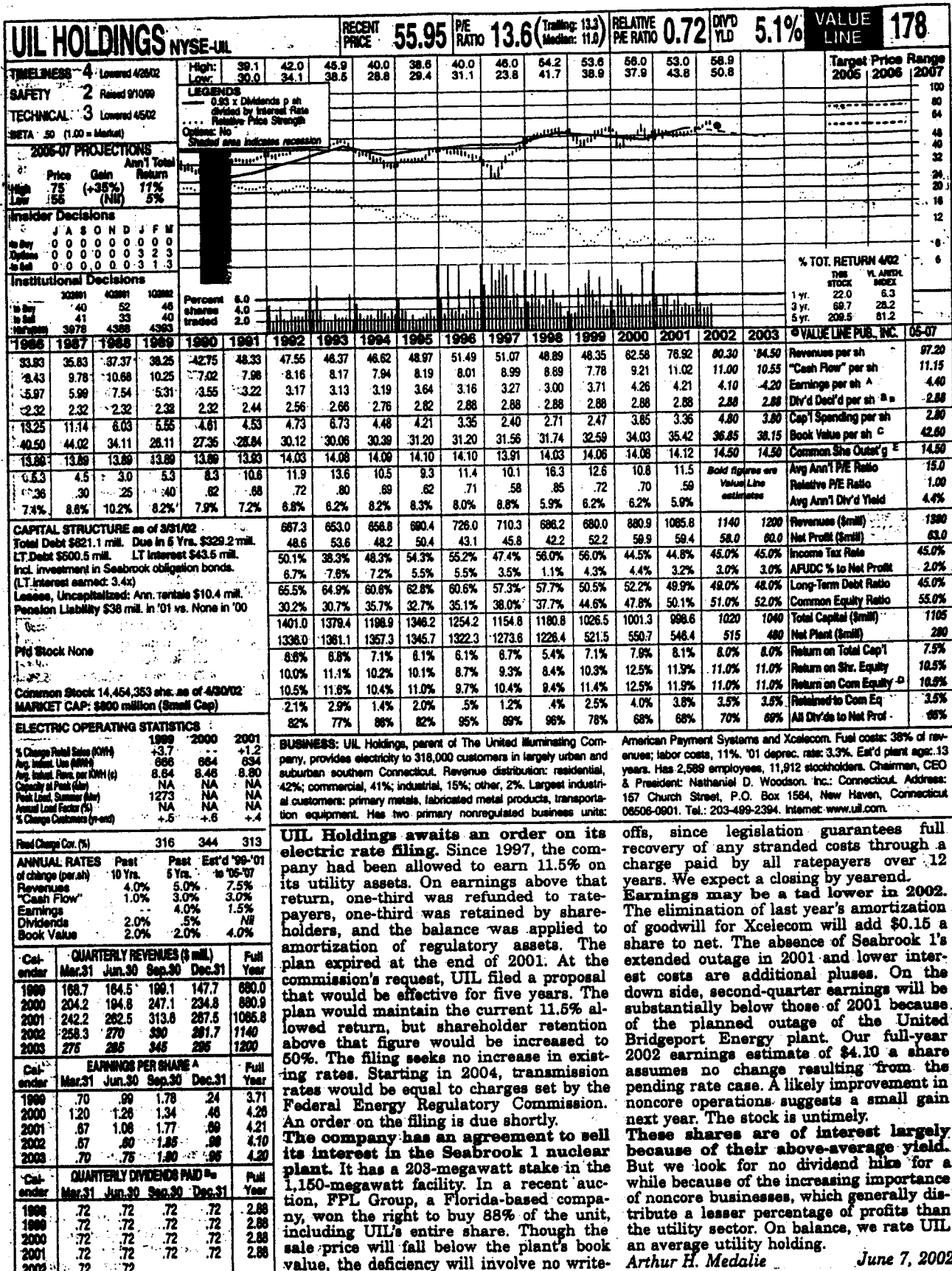
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<p>(A) '00 Restated to reflect Mirant spinoff. (B) Includes Mirant earnings in '00 of 49¢. Next earnings report due late July. (C) Next dividend meeting and ex dates in late July. Divid. pmt. dates: the 6th of Mar., June, Sep., and Dec. = Div'd nearest plan avail. (D) Incl. def'd chgs. in '01. 1.32¢/sh. (E) In mill., adj. for split. (F) Rate base: AL, MS, fair val.; FL, GA, orig.</p>		<p>cost. A/R'd return on com. eq.: 10.0%-14.5%. Earn. on avg. com. eq.: '01: 13.51%. Reg. Cfm.: AL, GA, MS-Avg.; FL-Above Avg. (G) Ranks: suspended due to 4/20/01 Mirant spinoff.</p>	<p>Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability Price Growth Persistence Earnings Predictability</p>	<p>A NMF NMF NMF</p>
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(A) EPS basic. Excl. nonrec. gains (losses): '99 net, (\$11.22); '98, (\$11.22); '97, 48¢; '96, 50¢; '95, (\$6¢); '94, (10¢); '93, 28¢; '92, net 8¢. Next eps. report due late July. (B) Next div'd mtg. late July. Goes ex early Sept. Div'd pay't dates: Jan. 1, Apr. 1, July 1, Oct. 1. Div'd reinvest. plan avail. (C) Incl. deferred chgs. & regul. assets. in '01: \$54.05/sh. (D) Rate base: orig. cost. Rate allowed on common equity in '97: 11.5%. Earned on average common equity in '01: 12.1%. Regul. Clm.: Above Average. (E) in millions.

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